

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 and correspondingly cancelled. The same feature of claim 2 inserted into 1 has also been inserted into claim 8.

Allowable Claims

Upon the insertion of allowable claim 2 into claim 1, as well as the insertion of the same feature into claim 8, pending claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been placed into allowable form consistent with the indication of allowability of original claims 2-6 as stated in the Office Action of November 30, 2004.

It is submitted for the reasons stated below that new claims 9-16 are also allowable.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Original claims 1, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated over Calboreanu '854 (USP 6,443,854).

Calboreanu '854 discloses a metal golf club head having a body **12** coated or covered with an alumina anodized layer **22** on the exterior, as well as an alumina anodized layer **24** on the inner hollow interior.

Calboreanu '854 fails to disclose or suggest any of the embodiments recited in new claims 9-16 which recite different

structures or materials employed in the golf club head of the present invention. Therefore, significant patentable distinctions exist between the present invention and Calboreanu '854 such that the above-noted rejection should not be made against any of these new claims. It is further submitted that the failure of Calboreanu '854 to suggest any of the features recited in new claims 9-16 also undermines any possible attempt to make any rejection based on "obviousness" under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Conclusion

It is submitted for the reasons stated above that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now be placed condition for allowance.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

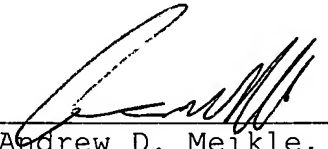
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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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